

# The Map of Forever Pollution

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In early 2023, the Forever Pollution Project showed that nearly 23,000 sites all over Europe are contaminated by the “forever chemicals” PFAS. This unique collaborative, cross-border and cross-field investigation by 16 European newsrooms revealed an additional 21,500 presumptive contamination sites due to current or past industrial activity. PFAS contamination spreads all over Europe.

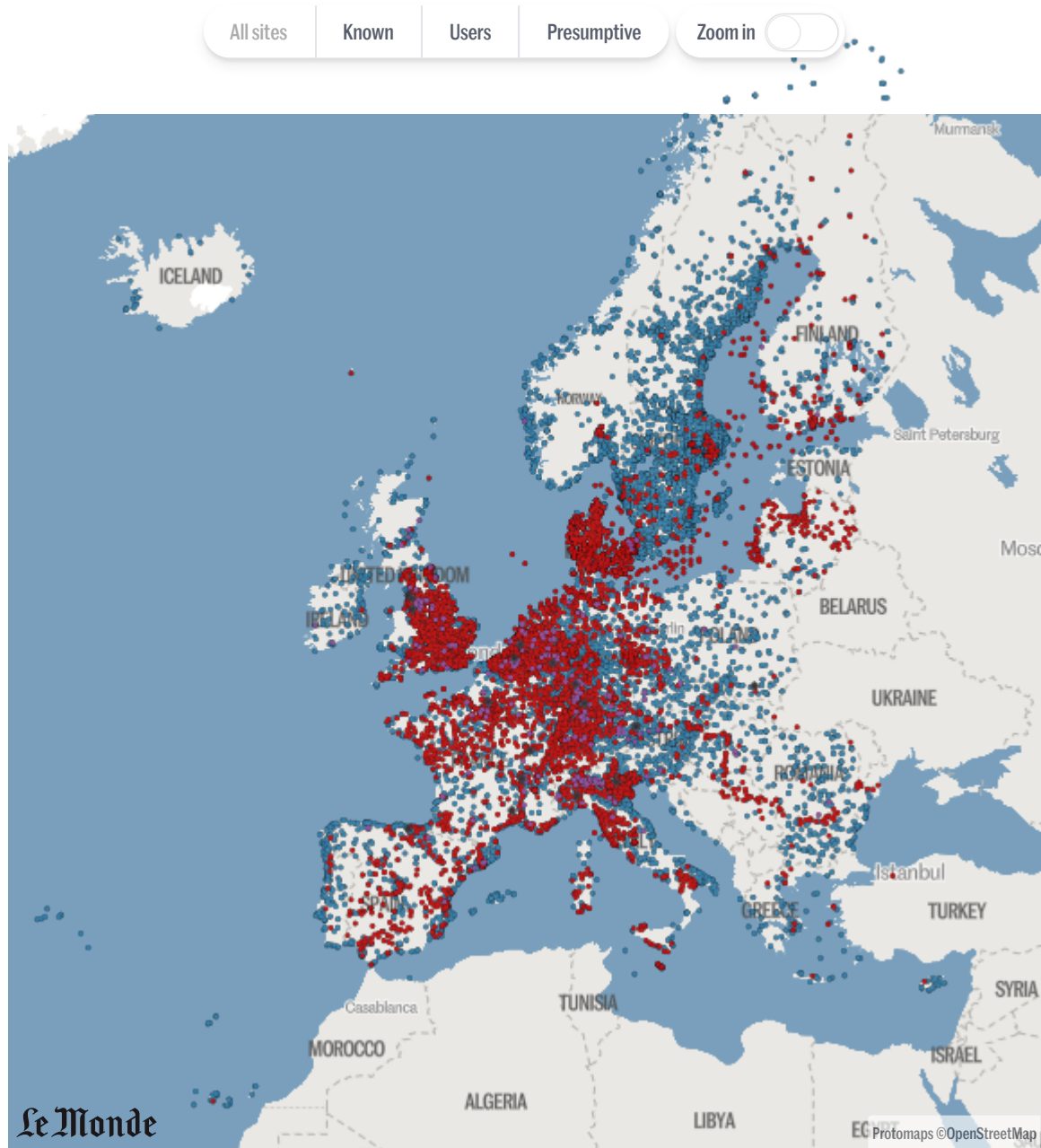
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## The Map of Forever Pollution in Europe

This map shows known and presumptive contamination sites across Europe.

Zoom in on the map and hover over a circle to display more information.

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Known contamination

Known PFAS User

Presumptive contamination

◆ PFAS manufacturing facility

Source: Forever Pollution Project

*This Map was last updated on 6 November 2023. An updated and enhanced version of the data was built by the [PFAS Data Hub project](#) at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (Centre national pour la recherche scientifique, CNRS), where [an updated map](#) is available. For enquiries about the data, please contact the PFAS Data Hub at [pdh.cnrs\[@\]proton.me](mailto:pdh.cnrs[@]proton.me)*

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## Data

Get the detailed data about 20 manufacturing facilities, 23,000 contaminated sites, 21,500 presumptively contaminated sites, and 231 known PFAS users.

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# Methodology

The Forever Pollution Project was a pioneering, interdisciplinary investigation involving 29 journalists from across 12 European countries, and seven experts in sociology, environmental chemistry, and law.

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# Impact

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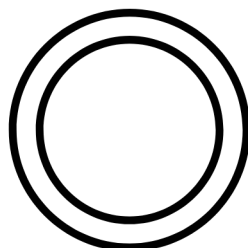
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